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TESTING OFFENSIVE ON ITALIAN FRONT IMPENDING

Austrians Are Gathering Legions There From the Russian and Rumanian Fronts

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO REACH VENETIAN PLAIN

Emperor Charles of Austria, Accompanied By His Chief of Staff and High German and Austrian Army Officers, Is Reported On His Way to Italian Front—Decision to Launch a Big Offensive in Italy Is Said to Have Been Forced by Political and Economic Conditions in Austria—Situation On the Front in France and Flanders Remains Fairly Quiet—Germans Are Pursuing Their Ruthless Methods in Ukraine—Latest Casualty Lists Contain Names of Many Connecticut Men.

Over the battle lines at the Piave river and in the mountainous region in northern Italy, where the Italian army has been holding their positions since last November, after the great Italian retreat from the Isonzo, there is increasing tension. It is believed that the Italian army is preparing to launch a big offensive in Italy. For many weeks the Italian war machine has been gathering the legions withdrawn from the Russian and Rumanian fronts for a drive at the Italian army. It is believed that it will not be long before the central powers will make another attempt to reach the plains of Venetia through the Alpine lines and seek to bring about a decisive combat in that theatre of the war.

Emperor Charles at the Front.

Emperor Charles of Austria, accompanied by his chief of staff and high German and Austrian army officers, is reported on his way to the Italian front, and the great movement of troops in Tyrol and Venetia would indicate that vast bodies of men are being taken from other fronts to be hurled at the Italian positions. The blow, it is generally believed, will fall somewhere in the mountainous section of the front, probably in the Taurin and Aulico valleys. These sectors face the north and if broken would permit the foe to penetrate into the lower foothills of the mountains, or even reach the plains. If this should occur, the armies along the Piave river would be compelled to fall back, probably as far as the Adige river. This would entail the loss of Venetia and a vast expanse of country to the enemy.

The decision to launch an offensive of grand proportions in Italy was made in the face of the political and economic conditions prevailing in Austria. An offensive campaign that yields gains of ground might serve to divert the elements which are improving throughout the dual empire and would postpone the day of reckoning for the rulers of Austria.

Quiet in France and Flanders.

In the meantime the situation on the front in France and Flanders has remained fairly quiet. There have been local attacks by the Germans here and there along the line, but nothing approaching a general battle has been reported. The allies are improving their lines and are waiting for the Germans to make the next move.

Pope Benedict has served notice on the world that the Vatican will not take a party to any "peace offensive at the present time." It is believed that Berlin will seek to bring about a "German peace offensive" and, if this advance is repelled, to nerve the German people to a new "bath of blood" by pointing out that the allies desire to crush Germany. Pope Benedict has let it be known that he is desirous of taking any step which may tend to shorten the war, but he does not see it at the present moment any reason to believe that an appeal would bring about the desired results.

The situation in Ukraine and the ruthless methods being followed by the Germans in completing the subjugation of the people have been reported in an address by Vice Chancellor Von Payer before the main committee of the German reichstag. After detailing the measures adopted for securing supplies of grain from Ukraine and the discontent and unrest among the people there, the vice chancellor, in referring to leaders of the Ukrainians, made the significant statement that the Germans "took steps to render them harmless."

MANY CONNECTICUT MEN

IN CASUALTY LISTS

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Washington, May 5.—The casualty list today contained 119 names, divided as follows: Killed in action 16, died of wounds 1, died of disease 1, died of other causes 1, missing in action 10, wounded severely 2, wounded slightly 67. The list follows:

The killed in action include: Colonel Richard H. Griswold, 1st regiment, Connecticut, killed in action at the battle of the Marston, France, April 10, 1918.

Sergeant Frank A. Burt, 1st regiment, Connecticut, killed in action at the battle of the Marston, France, April 10, 1918.

Corporal Paul R. Griswold, 1st regiment, Connecticut, killed in action at the battle of the Marston, France, April 10, 1918.

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Cabled Paragraphs

Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. London, May 5.—Field Marshal Viscount French has been appointed lord lieutenant of Ireland.

Tension Between Holland and Germany Ended. The Hague, May 5.—Jonkheer Loudon, Dutch minister of foreign affairs, informed the chamber today that the tension between Holland and Germany was ended.

GERMAN AIRPLANES ATTACK DUTCH FISHING VESSELS. Wherever the Little Boats Have Been Found in the North Sea.

London, May 5.—German airplanes have recently been attacking Dutch fishing vessels with machine gun fire wherever the little boats have been found in the North Sea. Five Dutch fishermen, who landed yesterday at a British port, said their boat had been attacked by four German planes, who for two hours rained machine gun bullets on their unarmed ship. The crew took to the boats and rowed sixty miles before being picked up by a small British vessel. The ship was later brought into a harbor by a British destroyer and bore numerous signs of the enemy fire.

London newspapers published the photographs of a number of Brazilian airplanes who are now completing their training for the front at an airfield in the neighborhood of the fighting line. It is believed that the first military party from the South American allies to arrive in Great Britain.

London General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, addressing a central meeting of Boy Scouts at Guildhall, told of work done by French boy scouts in the neighborhood of the fighting line. A heroic deed by one French boy scout was described in a letter found on the body of a dead German. General Baden-Powell read the letter, which follows:

"A traitor has just been shot—a little French lad belonging to one of those gymnastic societies which were the tri-color button. The poor little fellow in his infatuation wanted to be a hero. A German column was passing along a wooded dingle and the boy was caught and asked whether the French were about. He refused to give information. Fifty yards further on he was spotted by the cover of the wood. The prisoner was asked in French if he had known that the enemy was in the forest and he did not wish to betray his firm step to the telegraph post and stood up against it, with a green vineyard behind him, and received the volley of the firing party which was a proud smile on his face. 'In-fatuated boy! it was a pity to see such wasted courage.'"

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14 Arrests Made on British Steamship

UPON ITS ARRIVAL FROM A SOUTH AMERICAN PORT

ONE OF THEM A GERMAN

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Condensed Telegrams

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